

Grammar L4GLO2

Future Perfect Simple and Future Perfect Continuous

Learning Outcome 2: Future perfect: simple & continuous

NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. I won't have finished this report by 2 o'clock.
2. In two years' time, I will have graduated from university.
3. When you're 21 years old, you will have been doing judo for ten years.
4. By the time I've finished researching this essay, I will have read every book on this shelf!
5. Next year, they will have been working here for five years.
6. Mom will have taken the cake out of the oven by then.

Write the correct numbers. Which sentences ...

- a. tell you when an action will (or will not) finish in the future? _____, _____, _____, _____
- b. tell you about a time in the future when an activity will still be happening? _____, _____

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You use the future perfect simple (*will/won't have* + past participle) to talk about an action that will end before a specific time in the future.

I'll have finished cooking by the time the guests arrive.

You use the future perfect continuous (*will/won't have been* + *-ing* form of verb) to talk about an action that will still be happening at a specific point in the future. The focus is on the action as an ongoing activity.

We'll have been living in this apartment for ten years next September.

You can use phrases like *by* or *by the time* (meaning "at some point before") and *in* or *in a day's / two months' / five years' time* (meaning "at the end of this period") to refer to a specific point in time.

B Complete the sentences with the future perfect simple or future perfect continuous form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. My sister Fatima _____ (work) in that office for two years next week.
2. I _____ (finish) tidying in 30 minutes and then I can relax.
3. If you start work next year, how long _____ (you / work) for when you retire?
4. By the time we get home, my parents _____ (leave) for work.
5. They _____ (not travel) for very long at 9 o'clock.
6. By the end of this year, we _____ (live) in Muscat for 20 years.

C Make notes about the things below. Use the future perfect simple to talk about the things in 1 and the future perfect continuous to talk about the things in 2. Think about the time expressions you can use too.

1. four things you need to do over the next month and when you will have finished them by
2. four activities you do now and situations you are in now and when they started

D Work in pairs. Use your notes from exercise C to tell your partner about the activities you chose. Help your partner correct any errors in his/her sentences.